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Re: Docket # 98N-1038  
Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food

To whom it may concern:

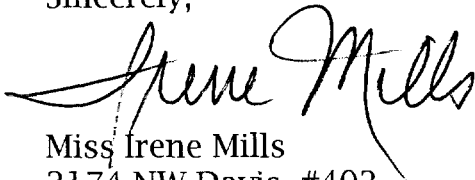
The FDA should retain the current labeling law, the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation," and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods.

The label should be large enough to be readily visible to the consumer, on the front of the package. For displayed whole foods such as produce, a prominent informational display similar to that used for meats should be used and should contain the term "irradiation" and the radura.

I support the recommendation by the Center for Science in the Public Interest regarding labeling of irradiated foods:

"...any foods, or any foods containing ingredients, that have been treated by irradiation should be labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating such treatment. The statement should be easy to read and placed in close proximity to the name of the food and accompanied by the international symbol. If the food is unpackaged, this information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale."

Sincerely,



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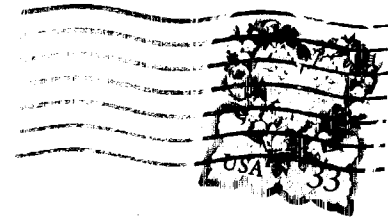
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